

**REMARKS**

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated October 13, 2011 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Response, claim 1 is amended. No new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-12 and 21 are currently pending for consideration, and claims 15-20 are withdrawn as the result of an earlier restriction requirement. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-12, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as falling to comply with the written description requirement. The rejection of claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-12, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraphs, is respectfully traversed, and reconsideration is requested. Based upon the amendments to independent claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is overcome. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5-9, 11, 12 and 21 are indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph rejection. Applicants believe the amendment to claim 1 overcomes the § 112 rejection. As such, Applicants request withdrawal of the objection.

Applicants believe the foregoing Response places the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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